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In re: Evans *et al.* Confirmation No.: 2302
Appl. No.: 09/829,113 Group Art Unit: 1637
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For: HAPLOTYPING METHOD FOR MULTIPLE
DISTAL NUCLEOTIDE POLYMORPHISMS

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 16, 2002, reexamination and reconsideration of the above-identified application are requested in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Rejections of the Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 103 Should Be Withdrawn

Claims 1-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Patel *et al.* (1991) *Nucleic Acids Res.*, 19:3561-3567 in view of Michalatos-Beloin *et al.* (1996) *Nucleic Acids Res.* 24:4841-4843.

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Patel teaches a multi-step method of determining the haplotype of an individual. Specifically, the method involves the following steps: First, restricted genomic DNA fragments are generated; second, the fragments are circularized; third, the fragment is re-linearized utilizing a second restriction enzyme; and fourth, haplotype is assessed by PCR utilizing Amplification Refractory Mutation System primers.

Michalatos-Beloin teaches a one-step method of haplotype differentiation based on the use of allele-specific primers and the differing size or presence of PCR products depending on